

We also hope that in the months and years ahead, Taiwan and China will reach a rapprochement of sorts. Taiwan has made efforts to expand cross-strait exchanges in the fields of journalism, information exchange, education, culture and trade in endeavoring to foster mutual trust. Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian has adopted a policy of reconciliation and goodwill toward China. I hope Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and PRC President Hu Jintao will soon meet and discuss cross-strait issues. A unified China under the principles of freedom, democracy and prosperity is the dream of all peace-loving people.

Again, congratulations to the people of the Republic of China on their National Day.

RECOGNIZING KEITA AND HAYATO ISHIBASHI

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 2 young men whose musical talents are exceeded only by their commitment and dedication. As a former high school teacher and coach, I know how important it is to recognize the achievements of our youth. Keita and Hayato Ishibashi are role models for all who believe that creativity and hard work lead to the American dream of success. Both are students at Rancho Bernardo High School, and both are violinists of the highest caliber.

Only 16 years old, Keita has appeared several times with the San Diego Symphony. In fact, he made his career debut with the San Diego Symphony at the age of 13. Keita performed for the last five summers at the Viana do Castelo International Music Festival in Portugal, and he performed in the summer of 2000 at an international music festival in Saluzzo, Italy. He has a resumé that any musical prodigy would be proud of. The high school junior began playing the violin in Tokyo, Japan, at the age of three on a 1/16th size instrument. At the age of four, Keita performed publicly at a concert hall in Japan shortly before coming to the United States with his family. It was not long before he began attending international music festivals in cities that included Seattle, Washington; Santa Rosa, California; and Aspen, Colorado.

Meanwhile, Keita's younger brother Hayato was also starting to get his musical legs. Hayato began taking violin lessons in the United States at the age of four. Soon, he, too, began participating in the same music festivals as his older brother. The purpose of the festivals is to help young artists develop their musicianship through an extensive curriculum that includes experience with master classes, chamber groups, and orchestras.

The sons of Shinji and Akemi Ishibashi have enjoyed many high notes in their young musical careers, and they include numerous prestigious competitions. Earlier this year Keita won the First Place Award in the San Diego Symphony's Young Artist Competition, and he received an Honorable Mention Award at the La Jolla Symphony's Young Artist Competition. At the La Jolla Symphony competition, Keita was the youngest participant in a field of 25-to-30 young musicians. The oldest was about 23. Last year, Keita won the blue ribbon

at the San Diego Youth Symphony's Concerto Competition, and in 1999 another First Place at the El Camino Youth Symphony's Concerto Competition.

Like his older brother, 14-year-old high school freshman Hayato has an affinity for high notes of his own. Hayato's 2005 First Place finish at the Young Musicians Foundation's 50th Annual National Debut Competition resulted in an invitation to play with the foundation's symphony orchestra in Los Angeles, California, in October of this year and again in January of 2006. Hayato tied for Second Place at the California International Young Artist Competition last April. He won a Third Place Award in the San Diego Youth Symphony's 2004 Concerto Competition, and he was declared a national semi-finalist at the American String Teachers Association's 2003 Competition in Sacramento, California. During the latter competition, Hayato performed Concerto No.1 by Niccolò Paganini and Concerto No.1 by Max Bruch. Both were recorded on CD and are available through recorded music sources.

Currently, Keita is concertmaster and first chair of the chamber and symphony orchestras at Rancho Bernardo High School, and Hayato is a new and welcome addition to the school's music department. Each of them is pursuing his dream, and in so doing each of them is setting an example for all of us. My sincere congratulations go to Keita and Hayato, and I wish you both continued success throughout your academic and musical careers.

CONGRATULATING SEAN HUGHES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sean Hughes who has recently been recognized by the International Association of Emergency Managers as a Certified Emergency Manager. The designation is the highest honor of professional achievement available from the international association, which has more than 2,700 members.

Mr. Hughes has worked for the City of North Richland Hills, in my home district since 1987. He has an Associate's Degree from Clackamas Community College, a Bachelors Degree from the University of North Texas and is currently doing graduate work towards a Master of Science in Emergency Management.

Mr. Hughes is a Texas Certified Emergency Manager, Master Firefighter, Master Arson Investigator, Master Instructor and Advanced Peace Officer. He has completed the FEMA Professional Development Series and has received numerous awards including the Fire Department Medal of Valor.

The emergency management certification program was developed by the International Association of Emergency Managers with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and guidance from an advisory board. Candidates for the certification are reviewed by a Commission of 19 respected professionals in the field and must complete a written examination and management essay. The commission considers each candidate's

experience, references, education, training and contributions to the profession. Since 1993, the association has recognized 954 professionals with the Certified Emergency Manager designation. Sean Hughes is the third emergency management professional in Tarrant County to receive the designation.

I am proud to recognize Sean Hughes for his accomplishments and to have him represent the North Richland Hills Community and the 26th District of Texas.

INTRODUCING A BILL DESIGNATING A POST OFFICE AFTER LILLIAN KINKELLA KEIL

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill designating a post office after Lillian Kinkella Keil, the most decorated female veteran in U.S. military history. Lillian Keil was a long time resident of Covina, California, in my Congressional District.

Lillian Keil was born in 1917 in Arcata, California, and raised in a convent. As she watched the nuns take care of the sick, she was drawn to nursing. She became one of the first generation of stewardesses for United Airlines when many early flight attendants were nurses. In 1943, she joined the Army Air Corps (which later became the U.S. Air Force) as a flight nurse to serve in World War II. She rose to rank of Captain.

Captain Lillian Keil has been called an "Airborne Florence Nightingale." As a flight nurse, she helped to evacuate thousands of wounded U.S. troops from the battlefields during World War II and the Korean War. She flew more than 425 combat evacuation missions, rescuing men who fought in the Battle of Bulge and in Normandy during the D-Day invasion. She also was part of a team that followed General Patton's army across France with cargos of crucial supplies.

Captain Lillian Keil died of cancer at the age of 88 earlier this year. Her life and decorated service to our country serve as an inspiration to current and future generations of Americans, particularly women serving in the U.S. military. Through it all, Captain Lillian Keil won the hearts and touched the lives of countless service members and their families. She never questioned what she needed to do and she was proud of her service.

After serving her country, Captain Lillian Keil became an active member of various veterans' organizations. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War 8620 in West Covina, California, and the American Legion Post 790 in West Covina. She also belonged to the Chosin Few Veterans Military Organization.

I am pleased that my colleagues from the California delegation have joined me in support of this bill. This legislation also enjoys support at the local level. Both the City of Covina and West Covina have expressed their support for naming the post office located at 545 North Rimsdale in Covina, California, after Lillian Kinkella Keil.

My heart and my prayers go out to the family and friends of Captain Lillian Keil, as well as to those who have lost their loved ones during these turbulent times. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Lillian Keil. This bill symbolizes the gratitude and

admiration we have for our nation's soldiers who risk their life to defend our country.

RECOGNIZING A STATEMENT BY
RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN, SPIRITUAL
LEADER OF CONGREGATION BETH CHAVERIM IN VIRGINIA BEACH

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a statement by Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia in recognition of the hope of peace created by recent Middle East developments.

Israel's historic disengagement from Gaza and parts of the West Bank has begun on August 15, 2005. These unilateral acts by a democratic Israel, though coordinated with the Palestinian Authority, approved by its government and Knesset, and commanding a majority in the Israeli public, are nonetheless painful and controversial in uprooting thousands of Israeli settlers from areas associated with Biblical Israel gained following the 1967 Six-Day War.

Paradoxically, that miraculous victory by a gravely threatened Israel facilitated through a pre-emptive strike by the superb Israeli Air Force that destroyed the Egyptian planes still on the ground, saddled Israel with two challenging dilemmas; a recalcitrant, fast growing Palestinian population with its own national aspirations and a rising messianic Judaism mesmerized by a universal redemptive vision rooted in the stunning return to the ancient inheritance with every inch of it consequential, flying in the face of classical Zionism's operative principle of compromise with the Arabs.

I surely sympathize with fellow Jews who accomplished much and whose lives are now dramatically impacted with their realities and dreams undergoing demanding change. We also recognize that both Likud and Labor-led governments encouraged the settlement enterprise as a patriotic act. How ironic and symbol-laden that Prime Minister Sharon is the one presiding over the transfer of territory that he was the grand architect of settling, stamped by his unique style of charismatic leadership and pioneering zeal. I personally witnessed during earlier missions to Israel the enthusiastic use of dotted maps by the once hero of the settlers' movement and the political Right who has turned into their maligned figure, making him into the most guarded man on earth.

How history repeats itself with altered twists. It was Sharon who as Defense Minister ordered the destruction of Yamit in 1982 in the wake of the 1979 peace treaty with Egypt which included the Sinai Peninsula's loss. It is this courageously transformed Prime Minister Sharon who, following the bloody Second Intifada of barbaric suicide bombings against Israel's civilian population, the death of his longstanding nemesis Chairman Arafat and the yet unsettling murder of Prime Minister Rabin by a fanatic Jew, has finally decided to act.

He thus offsets world pressure and begins to draw, with the Road Map's backdrop,

Israel's future boundaries sans the Palestinian demographic trap, signaling with sacrificial acts to the Palestinian Authority Israel's abiding interest in reaching a peace agreement and its commitment to establishing a Palestinian state. The Israeli military is also freed from the cumbersome and expensive yoke of guarding the Gaza settlers, attempting to preserve the genuinely Biblically connected major blocks of West Bank settlements, assuring greater Jerusalem's Jewish destiny.

This realistic Zionist vision comes with the heavy and traumatic price of relocating Israelis whose majority peacefully complies albeit with some understandable legal demonstration. However, a hard core minority with outside agitators seems bent on resisting the order to evacuate in spite of offered compensation, even as we pray that in the moment of truth the tragically unacceptable scenario of Jew fighting Jew will be averted. To be sure, the state's authority properly carried out should prevail to safeguard its very foundation.

What is described as Israel's most fateful internal test since 1948, will hopefully prove a rallying point for reordering the only Jewish state's priorities toward applying its limited resources to pressing economic, social and educational needs along with focusing on the holy as well southern Negev and northern Galilee, without which an enduring Israel is truly at risk, quality-wise and physically.

The Palestinian Authority has a golden opportunity and responsibility, not to be missed, assuring that violence from its midst will not interfere with Israel's forthcoming move which benefits both sides to this far too long and costly entanglement. Indeed, the challenge for President Abbas remains to put an end to Palestinian terrorism and competing organizations such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, undermining both Israel's and his own dreams for his people. How his leadership will run the evacuated territory will be indicative of what's in store for a future Palestine state. Active American involvement and essential support remain key for the prospect of peace and prosperity to the entire turbulent region bearing upon the world at large these eventful times.

Rabbi Israel Zoberman is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He grew up in Haifa, Israel.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Greater Miami Chapter of The Links, Inc., on their 50th year of outstanding commitment to community service. The ceremony recognizing this important milestone will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2005, at Florida Memorial University, Miami, Florida.

The Greater Miami Chapter was chartered on Saturday, November 5, 1955, when founding members Maude K. Reid, Mayme E. Williams, and Susie W. Francis brought together 15 other charter members for an installation ceremony at the Carver Hotel in Overtown.

During its 50th anniversary celebration, the chapter will honor 7 honorees: charter member Susie W. Francis, Frances J. Chambers, Gwendolyn H. Welters, Dorothy J. Fields, Ph.D.; Castell V. Bryant, Ed.D., Regina J. Frazier, and Senator Frederica S. Wilson.

The Greater Miami Chapter lists among its many accomplishments programs that bolster the arts, promote awareness of international issues and multicultural events, and assist young people in reaching their full potential.

Nationally, The Links, Inc. has grown to 274 chapters and approximately 11,000 members who reside in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Bahamas, Germany and South Africa.

Mr. Speaker, 50 years after their founding, the members of the Greater Miami Chapter of The Links, Inc. are a powerful force for change in the South Florida Community. I thank them for all of their efforts, and wish them another successful 50 years of making a positive impact in the lives of others.

DAYS OF AWE: FORGIVENESS,
ATONEMENT AND PEACE

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish L'Shanah Tova "Good Year" to my Jewish friends in Congress and to Jewish people around the world as they begin the celebration of the Days of Awe: the sacred Holy Days beginning with Rosh Hashanah continuing to the holiest day Yom Kippur, which falls on October 13, 2005. To those Jews who must feel the most forgotten and alone whether in Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and the remnants still living in poverty in Poland, Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe who can only celebrate these Holy Days in their hearts, I rise to say you are not forgotten.

For Jewish people Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur as well as the days between are the most solemn of all the Jewish Holidays and for some the most important. These ten days are sometimes known as the Days of Remembrance, the Days of Repentance and the Days of Awe. Unlike other Jewish holidays and festivals which are closely tied to harvests and changes of seasons, the High Holy Days are spiritual days of soul-searching and prayer.

Rosh Hashanah is a beginning of a spiritual new year, when each Jew can ask forgiveness for sin of conduct and of the heart, atone for those sins and begin again asking God to inscribe him or her in the "Book of Life." On Rosh Hashanah the Book is opened. The Shofar, the curled ram's horn, calls the Jewish people to gather together to pray on Rosh Hashanah as the Book of Life is opened, just as it has for the last 3000 years.

The Jewish liturgy or prayers said during this holiday not only ask for forgiveness from God for sins against both of conduct and of the heart, the prayers remind the people that they cannot be forgiven by God for sins committed against their fellow man. For forgiveness from others, they must atone by seeking it from the people they have hurt and doing charity. The liturgy, both the ancient derived from many beloved psalms as well as newer liturgy, which recognizes political realities of